

Durango West Metro District No. 2

February 2025 Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date: February 19, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: District Mail House

Present: Carly Thomson, President; Beverly Lawrence, Vice-President; Directors Corey Beough, Derek Ryter and Stephen Wells. Also present was Jane Looney, District Manager. One resident attended.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order – Board Chair Carly Thomson called the meeting to order at 5:04
2. Approve minutes of the January 15, 2025 meeting – Beverly motioned to approve minutes from the January 15, 2025 meeting as presented. Stephen seconded. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment – resident asked questions about district snow removal.
4. Financials – Receivables, Payables and Financial Statements were presented.
5. Water and Wastewater Operations – the board would like Stacie to report on what the district paid LPEA before solar was installed at WWTP and what we've paid LPEA and Shaw combined since. They will review this and the contract at the next meeting. LDWA caused us to go over our Verizon normal bill by several hundred dollars and we received another data warning this month. The board suggested limiting LDWA to one login. Beverly provided an update on the LDWA rate study. The exploratory excavation on 587 Oak Drive did not turn up a mainline leak.
Wastewater Permit Update and Violation: We received a Reported Effluent Violation from the state due to the new testing requirements. The State has acknowledged that they missed the new DSV and how that affects the permit. However, they're unsure how quickly they can make changes to the permit. Impacts to the District regarding the new permit include additional costs for laboratory tests for metals and wet testing and Dave's time. The board decided that the district should follow the DSV compliance schedule and testing until the permit is corrected; and that we are better off not testing. So instead of submitting the tests required by the new permit, the district should submit the same letter to the State with the district's position that we understand testing is due, but we are not doing it because the State made a mistake. Carly motioned that the district will not conduct the new testing and instead send a letter to the State each time explaining that their error in our new permit would result in violations each time (unless Brandyn disagrees). Beverly seconded. Motion passed. The district could also look at getting our state representative involved.

Sewer: a resident sent us his bill for cleaning out his sewer line as M&R Plumbing told him to because they claim that it was an issue in our sewer main. Dave said it wasn't though the resident's line goes directly into the district's manhole.

6. Roads and Open Space – we received one snowplow complaint over the Feb 14-15 storm that left 19.5”. Beverly also said there was an issue in her cul-de-sac. Jane will ask Leeder why they didn’t use the front loader on the cul de sacs this time.
7. Business
 - Approve Resolution 2025-03 – Beverly made a motion to approve. Derek seconded. Resolution 2025-03 Supplemental Appropriation was approved.
 - Approve Resolution 2025-04 Transfer Funds – Beverly made a motion to approve the resolution to transfer \$150,000 reserve funds from the Water fund to General Fund. Derek seconded. Resolution 2025-04 was approved.
 - ROW Update – the board approved sending attorney reviewed response to resident.
 - Review ADA Accessibility Update and Proposal – the Board decided to wait on this proposal. Jane will investigate getting a consultant/contractor to bid on remediation of PDF documents and creating accessible compliant templates.
 - IT Consultant - consultants cost \$300 per month for providing security, back-up, regular reports plus an hourly charge for more typical software needs. It appears no companies offer just hourly IT help anymore. Beverly motioned to approve board authorization for setting up a contract with the provider of choice. Derek seconded. Motion passed. The district will revisit the benefits of an IT contract after a year.
8. Adjourn at 6:08